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25X1 1. In May 1951, the Polish Ministry of Public Administration secretly ordered the strengthening of air defenses. A strong civil air defense program is already organized, with people's councils at the province (wojewodztwo), county (powiat), and township (gmina) levels implementing decisions, and is set up under the guise of fire prevention units with the following responsibilities:

a. Renovation of all air raid shelters in country.

b. Repairing or replacing fire fighting equipment and organizing a rigid inspection system for same.

c. Testing, repairing or installing air raid sirens.

d. Collecting and inventorying abandoned German gas masks, air purifiers and other anti-gas attack equipment.

2. The Wroclaw area presents a good example of air defence measures. There, during June and July 1951, three air raid shelters of German make were renovated. Shelters are three stories deep, one to two meters thick, and built of reinforced concrete.

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